

Minutes of the Meeting of the National Police Canine Association Executive Board

Fort Meyers, FL Friday October 12, 2012

Attendance:

Officers in attendance: President Terry Anderson, Treasurer Mark Green, Secretary Joe Caponetto, West Coast Regional Director Elliot Zibli, North West Regional Director Bill Delay, South West Regional Director Tim Norton, South Central Regional Director Danny Valdez, North East Regional Director Mark Tobin, South East Regional Director Fred Janke. Also present: Administrative Assistant Katy Farnsworth and Recruiter Rich Maiocco.

The meeting was called to order at 1020 hours.

Old Business:

Recruitment:

Recruiter Rich Maiocco reported on the ongoing problems of following up with handlers contacted during events or by other communication means. One problem is that the handlers are not the decision makers for their K9 program, so we need to make sure and get in touch with unit supervisors of handlers that are interested in becoming NPCA members to "sell" them (the supervisors) the NPCA. Make sure on all emails to prospective members to CC Terry and the Regional Director responsible so follow up can be conducted.

Standards Committee:

Phil Strevett's eligibility to become a Trainer for the NPCA was discussed.

Motion: To approve Phil Strevett as a Trainer. Danny Valdez 1st, Elliot Zibli 2nd, motion passed.

Currency Certification was brought up for discussion. A few minor changes to some time limits and wording were done.

Motion: To accept the Currency Certification as a new certification offered by the NPCA. Fred Janke 1st, Tim Norton 2nd, motion passed.

Corporate Membership:

Motion: In the rule book on page 2, under Corporate Membership, the last sentence reads: Canine handlers employed by qualified corporations will be allowed to join the association under the associate membership, and will be limited to certifications and other specific corporate training.

Change to read: Canine handlers employed by qualified corporations will be allowed to join the association under the corporate membership, and will be limited to certifications and other specific corporate training.

Fred Jenke 1st, Danny Valdez 2nd, motion passed.

Motion: To repeal Larsen, Melissa of the Boeing Company, WA as a certifying official. Fred Jenke 1st, Mark Tobin 2nd, motion failed.

"No Dog" Training Seminar:

Mark Green provided more details on the possibility of doing a "no dog" training seminar in the month of April, 2013. Class ideas and structure of the seminar was discussed, as well as possible location. At this time he will be doing further research of the feasibility of a conducting National "no dog" training seminar in spring of next year.

Advertising:

No changes in the current advertising with Police K9 Magazine.

Research the possibility of advertising with K9 Cop Magazine.

Mark Green is going to begin the process of setting up Facebook and Twitter accounts.

New Business:

Elected Officer Proposal:

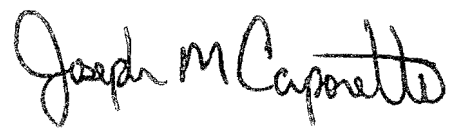
Mark Tobin presented a proposal on the qualifications to hold office with in the NPCA. This will be discussed in the next meeting.

Telephonic conferences:

Research the possibility of doing video conferring on the internet at cost savings to the NPCA as opposed to traditional teleconferencing.

Motion to Adjourn: Danny Valdez 1st, Bill Delay 2nd, motion passed, meeting adjourned at 1344 hours.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph M. Caponetto". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joseph M. Caponetto
NPCA Secretary
Kansas City, MO Police Department

National Police Canine Association - Standards & Training

Scent Detection Certifications

Currency Certification

A minimum of two (2) Certified Detector Officials are required for certification.

K-9 Team must locate at least nine (9) out of the ten (10) finds to certify. This results in a success of 90 percent minimum score for certification.

Canine's alert must be obvious to the Certifying Officials.

Certifying Officials may terminate certification at their discretion.

Non-scented objects may be used to mark finds.

No electrical collars and/or equipment resembling same are allowed.

Handler shall immediately notify Certifying Officials within thirty (30) minutes of any protest. The protest shall be in writing. For further protest information, see information under Narcotics Certification.

If K-9 Team fails certification, K-9 Team must wait for five (5) days prior to attempting to certify.

Search:

Search shall consist of three (3) indoor rooms and four (4) vehicles, six (6) parcels, six (6) luggage and an open area (1000²square feet) with a total of ten (10) finds.

Time on searches is **ten (10) minutes for indoor searches and eight (8) minutes for vehicle searches, three (3) minutes for parcels, three (3) minutes for luggage searches and ten (10) minutes for open area search.** A one (1) minute warning at the request of the handler prior to the end of the search may be given. Time begins when the handler begins the search and time ends when the handler calls time or upon expiration of time. Handler may call finds by calling time or after time has expired.

Indoor Search: Shall consist of three (3) indoor rooms and two (2) finds.

Each room shall be at least 380 sq. ft., but no more than 600 sq. ft. (Exceptions may be made according to the Certifying Officials).

No more than one (1) find will be concealed in a room. (Therefore, no find will be concealed in one (1) of the three (3) rooms).

Vehicle Search: Shall consist of four (4) vehicles and two (2) finds.

No more than one (1) find may be concealed on a vehicle. (Therefore, no find will be concealed on two (2) of the four (4) vehicles).

Due to the numerous makes and models of vehicles available to departments, the decision upon what types of vehicles to be used is the Certifying Officials' discretion.

Parcels: Search shall consist of six (6) boxes or envelopes, with a total of two (2) finds.

Luggage: Search shall consist of six (6) bags, with a total of two (2) finds.

No currency finds may be concealed side by side. A minimum distance between each item shall be two (2) feet.

Area Search: Shall consist of an open field approximately 1000² square feet in size with two (2) finds concealed amongst natural landscape, debris or vegetation.

Finds:

A total of ten (10) finds consisting of a minimum weight shall be 500 grams of U.S. currency, (shredded or unshredded) bills and be both circulated and uncirculated monies

The certification shall have at least two (2) distractions from the following items:

- Various types of paper
- Rubber bands
- Plastic
- Shredded magazines/paper
- Non-currency ink
- Currency money bands
- Bill straps

Finds shall be concealed in search area at least thirty (30) minutes prior to search. Finds shall be concealed by a Certifying Official or another person directed by a Certifying Official. Two (2) finds shall be concealed in the indoor rooms. Two (2) finds shall be concealed on the vehicles. Two (2) finds shall be concealed in the parcels. Two (2) finds shall be concealed in the luggage. Two (2) finds shall be concealed in the open area. No finds shall be concealed higher than eight (8) feet from the floor level and no deeper than six (6) inches buried (open area). All finds shall be concealed from view in a manner that the canine cannot retrieve said finds. All search areas must be contaminated and finds proofed by a canine prior to search, if available.

The agency requesting certification may be responsible for supplying finds.

National Police Canine Association
Currency Detection Certification Score Sheet

DATE: _____ LOCATION: _____
HANDLER'S NAME: _____ K-9'S NAME: _____
AGENCY'S NAME & STATE: _____

(DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE)

VEHICLE SEARCH **FOUR VEHICLES** **TWO HIDES**
CURRENCY AMOUNT LOCATED NOT LOCATED
HIDE #1: _____
HIDE #2: _____
Time of Search not to exceed 8 Minutes. Time used: _____

INDOOR SEARCH **THREE ROOMS** **TWO HIDES**
CURRENCY AMOUNT LOCATED NOT LOCATED
HIDE #1: _____
HIDE #2: _____
Time of Search not to exceed 10 minutes. Time used: _____

PARCELS **SIX BOXES OR ENVELOPES** **TWO HIDES**
CURRENCY AMOUNT LOCATED NOT LOCATED
HIDE #1: _____
HIDE #2: _____
Time of Search not to exceed 3 minutes. Time used: _____

LUGGAGE **SIX BAGS** **TWO HIDES**
CURRENCY AMOUNT LOCATED NOT LOCATED
HIDE #1: _____
HIDE #2: _____
Time of Search not to exceed 3 minutes. Time used: _____

AREA SEARCH **1000 SQ FEET** **TWO HIDES**
CURRENCY AMOUNT LOCATED NOT LOCATED
HIDE #1: _____
HIDE #2: _____
Time of Search not to exceed 10 minutes. Time used: _____

MUST FIND 9 OUT OF THE 10 HIDES FOR A 90% CONFIRMED ALERT RATE FOR CERTIFICATION. 2 DISTRACTORS ODORS MUST BE PLACED IN SEARCH AREAS.

Certifying Official: _____ number: _____

REMARKS: _____